



## RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

January 5, 2016

Renton City Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor –Conference Center

### **Members Present:**

Marsha Rollinger, Mary Clymer, Paul Hebron, Mitch Shepherd, Adrienne La Faye, Ben Andrews, Bill Huls, Jerri Everett, Neil Sheesley and Evelyn Reingold

**Excused Absence:** Kim Eshelman

**Staff Present:** Elizabeth Higgins, RMAC Staff Liaison and Liz Stewart, Renton History Museum

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by RMAC Co-Chair, Marsha Rollinger at 6:00 pm.

**Introduction of Guests:** **Bernita Horn**, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant to the City of Renton  
**Samantha Goetz-Granquist**, RMAC Youth position applicant  
**Kianna Davis**, Grantee – Tree Roots Strong Poetry Program

- **Bernita Horn** presented a comprehensive review of the diversity and inclusion effort she is doing for the City of Renton. The presentation included an overview of the challenges and strategic goals that are needed to better reflect Renton's diverse population. There is a 26 member task force in place that is working on the goals and a large community wide event for later this year.
- **Kianna Davis**, Program Facilitator, discussed details of the Tree Roots Strong Poetry Program and its impact on students. She also read a couple of poems from, "Digging for Roots" that is used in the program.
- **Samantha Goetz-Granquist**, RMAC Youth position applicant, is a 16 year old sophomore at Renton High School. She introduced herself to the commission and expressed her interest in becoming a RMAC member. By unanimous vote, Samantha's name was affirmed to be submitted to the Mayor for appointment as a RMAC member.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the December 1, 2015 RMAC meeting were read and accepted. MSC (Paul/Mitch)

### **New Business:**

- **Bravo Award** – The award for contribution to the arts in Renton will be given to Jaris English who recently resigned from the RMAC. The award will be presented at the January City Council meeting. A reception in her honor will held an hour before the council meeting. Elizabeth will organize the invitations and reception for the event and Paul Hebron will do her illustration. All RMAC members are encouraged to attend.

### **Old Business:**

- **Arts and Culture Master Plan Survey Monkey** – The results were distributed for

review by the RMAC for discussion and recommendations at the February meeting.

- **RMAC Art Project Initiative** - The Wells Ave S/Post Office sidewalk strip “Art Garden” with low-maintenance, drought tolerant plants and three concrete figure planters was completed. The installation looks terrific, especially at night. There have been many positive comments from people in the area.
- **Downtown Tree Lighting Holiday Event** – RMAC contributed \$500 to the Downtown Partnership for the opening event. It was well attended by over 200 participants.
- **RMAC Fieldtrip** –Our first fieldtrip to look at art projects around King County will be on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to visit the Inscape Building (Artist Studio Collective) in Seattle and to particularly look at the work of Muralist, Katherine Chilote. We will also look at a couple of recent “Parklets” installed in Seattle. We will meet at City Hall at 12:00.
- **Correspondence and announcements:** The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review.

### **Upcoming Art and Culture Meetings and Events**

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- Jan 6 & 7, Wed & Thru, 12 pm: Drama Showcase at IPAC (400 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 425-204-3424 for info)
- Jan 12, Tue, 7-9 pm: Renton HS Choir Concert at IPAC (400 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 425-204-3459 for info)
- Jan 14, Thru at 6:30 pm: film “Just Eat It: A food waste story” at Carco Theatre (1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy, info@carcotheatre.org or 206-372-2021 for more information)
- Jan 16, Sat at 10:30 am – 1:15 pm: Evergreen City Ballet Open House at the studio (2230 Linden Ave SW, Suite 109, Renton)
- Jan 17, Sun, 10:30 am: Allegro Performing Arts Academy presents “Burnin’ The Floor Showcase” at IPAC (400 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 253-813-9630 for info)
- Jan 21, Fri, 7 – 9 pm: Renton HS Orchestra Concert at IPAC (400 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 425-204-3463 for info)
- Jan 23, Sat, 11 am: Seattle Children’s film Festival comes to Renton at Carco Theatre (1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy, info@carcotheatre.org or 206-372-2021 for more information)
- To January 29: Artist P. Calavara exhibit at Carco Theatre (1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy, info@carcotheatre.org or 206-372-2021 for more information)
- Now To May 21, 2016: “Birth, Life & Death” exhibit at Renton History Museum (235 Mill Ave S, 425-255-2330)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Evelyn Reingold,

Marsha Rollinger and Mary Clymer,

RMAC Secretary

RMAC Co-Chairs